



Agenda ***Sister Cities Commission***

August 23, 2018
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
6:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Seating of Alternates

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes: June 28, 2018

V. Approval of Agenda: August 23, 2018

VI. Announcements / Correspondence

Items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission (SCC) and City of Milpitas business.

VII. Public Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the commission in any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record.

Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

1. Rescheduling of October 25 Meeting

Background: Staff respectfully requests rescheduling the October 25 meeting to occur in November.

Recommendation: Cancel the October 25, 2018 SCC meeting and reschedule it to November 8 or 15, 2018.

2. Cancel the November 22 and December 27 Meetings

Background: The SCC regularly cancels its November and December meetings to reduce conflicts with the holidays.

Recommendation: Cancel the November 22, 2018 and December 27, 2018 meetings.

IX. Old Business

2. Possible Sister City Relationship with an Indian City

Background: Commissioner Awasthi leads this research and discussion regarding a city's interest in becoming a Milpitas Sister City. An application included in the agenda packet was received for Northern Chandigarh from a Milpitas resident.

Recommendation: Receive update from Commissioner Awasthi.

3. ePal Project with Sister Cities

Background: Matching Sister Cities students with Milpitas students from the Digital Business Academy is underway. Email exchanges will begin in early September.

Recommendation: Review updates as available.

4. Tsukuba City, Japan

Background: Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Commissioner Arefi is the lead commissioner.

An art exchange between high school students at each city is underway and displays are scheduled in both cities in November. Staff will provide a report.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

5. Dagupan City, Philippines

Background: Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Michael Tsai is the lead commissioner for this sister city relationship.

Arrangements for a visit from October 13 – 21 are in process. Receive report from Commissioner Tsai and staff.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

6. Huizhou Municipality, China

Background: Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on October 15, 2013 for a five-year term, ending October 15, 2018. Chair Grilli is the lead commissioner for this relationship.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

VI. Student Liaison Report

VII. City Council Liaison Report

VIII. School District Liaison Report

IX. Future Agenda Items

Ongoing Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges

1. Tsukuba, Japan
2. Dagupan, Philippines
3. Huizhou, China

Possible New Business: as noted by SCC

X. Adjournment

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